HOUSE RESOLUTION 2 By Kent

A RESOLUTION to welcome "Up With People" and its international cast to Memphis, Tennessee.

WHEREAS, Up With People is a non-profit, multicultural and educational organization created over thirty years ago to bring together young, college-aged people from every part of the world; and

WHEREAS, this organization encourages its participants to learn from and appreciate the various backgrounds, beliefs and cultures that are represented by its cast members, staff and sponsors; and

WHEREAS, these young ambassadors of goodwill, who first organized at a summer youth conference in the United States, have headquarters in North America, Asia and Europe; and

WHEREAS, Up With People is made up of five traveling musical casts, each consisting of one hundred and fifty student performers from twenty-two countries; and

WHEREAS, each year, over seven hundred international students are able to experience new cultures by living with host families, enjoying educational events in different parts of the world and taking part in personal development activities; and

WHEREAS, Up With People has brought its joyful message of hope, service, and global citizenship to over twenty million people worldwide since its inception; and

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WHEREAS, each year, this organization gives over five hundred thousand hours of community service, places its cast members with over twenty-eight thousand host families, and gives over six hundred performances; and

WHEREAS, the world renown Up With People group will be performing the energetic musical "The Festival" on Thursday and Friday, January 30th and 31st at the Germantown Performing Arts Center; and

WHEREAS, The Church of the Holy Communion is to be commended for sponsoring Up With People during its visit to the city of Memphis, and making it possible for needed funds to be raised for Bridges, Incorporated, formerly Youth Service; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we welcome the well-known international organization, Up With People, to the state of Tennessee, and offer its young people our most sincere appreciation for furthering the message of peace, hope and promise throughout the world.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation to Up With People during their visit to Memphis with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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